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Mr. Paul E. Stacey  
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Re: Proposed Stream Flow Regulations

Dear Mr. Stacey:

I would like to strongly support the need for Stream Flow Regulations in the State of Connecticut. Our State has gone long enough without such regulations that are necessary to protect, preserve, as well as enhance, our State's rivers and streams, as well as their tributaries.

Personally, I would like to oppose the Class 4 category. No river or stream in our State should be exempt from future legal requirements for their protection, preservation, and enhancement. At a minimum, we should have quality requirements designed for the protection (against their further damage), preservation (to restore their purpose), and enhancement (their improvement for future generations to enjoy).

Many citizens have a great appreciation for our rivers and streams from an environmental perspective that includes their fishes, wildlife, and shoreline amenities. These attributes should be protected for future generations of citizens in the State of Connecticut to enjoy. No special interest group, either public or private, should be allowed to undermine the approval of the proposed Stream Flow Regulations. The State's citizens, both current and future generations, deserve them!

I moved to our State from New Jersey, and previously lived in California (where they had the Coastal Zone Protection Act). State regulations are needed to restrain each city and town along the river (or ocean) from "doing their own thing," based on the collective wisdom of their local elected officials at the time that important decisions are made.

My family and I enjoy walking along the river, I welcome the opportunity for boating on the river, and I see many of our citizens enjoying the natural and wildlife aspects along the Quinnipiac River. I have even seen senior citizens in "wheel chairs" and using "walkers" on the linear trail, as well as mothers with their children in "strollers," all enjoying what nature provides.

The State of Connecticut should not exempt any rivers from the proposed categories, with the goal of protecting, preserving, and enhancing its rivers and streams in the future for all of its citizens to enjoy. The State government must protect these natural assets for all of its citizens (and taxpayers).

I trust that the State will do what is in the best interest of its citizens in this regard.

Sincerely,

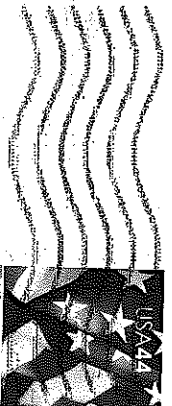
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